



Bamboo ladders set to make bridge usable!

MD AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Believe it or not, villagers use bamboo-made ladders to get on a bridge on the Kharia river in Phulpur upazila of the district, as it has remained without approach road for a year.

A large number of people of Rambhadrapur, Singimari, Rehai Tarapur, Char Bahadurpur, Char Neamot, Boithamari, Mohishmari, Senerchar, Debuarchar, Sikderpara and Char Bosonti villages regularly use the bridge at Rambhadrapur.

"The bridge is too small compared to the river's width and so, it becomes useless in the rainy season. During the dry season when the river gets narrow, thousands of people including students somehow use the bridge with the help of ladders," said Md Rokumuzzaman Rukon, chairman of Rambhadrapur union parishad.

"We have sent proposal for extension of the bridge to cover the whole breadth of the river," he said.

"Due to lack of bridge that hampers communication with upazila and district headquarters, we cannot get reasonable prices of our agricultural produces," said Adam Ali, a farmer of Rambhadrapur.

Asked why the 40-foot-bridge was constructed over some 200-foot-wide river, Md Zakir Hossain, project implementation officer of Phulpur, said there was a proposal for a 60-foot-bridge but the 40-foot-long bridge was approved and constructed due to fund constraints.

Work of the approach road could not be completed due to the same reason, he said, adding that they would start the work yesterday [Tuesday] to complete the bridge's approach road soon.

BRIDGE INDEED: People use a bamboo ladder to get on and down from the bridge on the Kharia river at Rambhadrapur in Phulpur upazila of Mymensingh as the bridge, too small for the width of the watercourse, also lacks approach road.

PHOTO: MD AMINUL ISLAM

93 passports seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Detective Branch (DB) of Police arrested an alleged passport broker along with 93 passports and huge copies of official documents from Rajbari district town on Monday.

The arrestee, Nitai Kundu, 56, son of Orbinda Kundu, is a resident of Khankanapur area in Rajbari Sadar upazila.

Sub-inspector Kamal Hossain of Rajbari DB police said a team of detectives, acting on a tip-off, conducted a drive at Nitai's house around 4:30pm and arrested him.

During the drive, the law enforcers also seized 93 passports, several passport forms, birth certificates, national identity cards (NID) and other necessary documents from the possession of the arrestee, SI Kamal said.

Quoting the arrestee, police said Nitai is a member of a broker gang, which illegally prepares passports for the passport seekers with the help of some corrupt employees and officials of Rajbari Regional Passport Office in exchange of money.

Fraud swindles job seekers

Thakurgaon NGO aids in trapping 245 unemployed youths

MD QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

A fake job provider of Dinajpur has gone into hiding after cheating at least 245 jobseekers of Tk 25-30-lakh through a local NGO in Ranishankoil upazila of Thakurgaon.

Selina Islam alias Dr Selina of Dinajpur took Tk 25-30-lakh from the jobseekers through NGO Uttaran Samaj Seba Sangha of Katihar village in Ranishankoil upazila, in the name of providing job in a project under the Ministry of Social Welfare, said cheated jobseekers and NGO officials.

"In last March, the woman came to my office and impersonated herself as Dr Selina, executive director of Bangladesh Karigori Proshikkhan O Jubo Maan Unnayan Kendra of the Ministry of Social Welfare," said Subrata Bihary, director of Uttaran Samaj Seba Sangha at Katihar village in Ranishankoil.

"Selina told me that she would implement a Tk 1,500 crore project in Ranishankoil upazila and a good number of employees would be recruited for the purpose."

"When I asked her to show the project papers, she said those were kept with the deputy commissioner of Dinajpur as her organisation was jointly implementing the project with the district administration," he said.

Afterwards the matter of huge employment opportunity was circulated in the village and its adjacent areas and Dr Selina gave appointment letters to 245 jobseekers from the NGO office within a month.

The appointment letters signed by 'Dr Selina, executive director of Social Welfare Ministry, Golapbag, Dinajpur' asked the applicants to join social welfare offices in different unions of the district but there are no such offices at the union level.

Each of the applicants who got the appointment letter had to give Tk 5,000 to Tk 20,000 as security deposit but they were not given any receipts against it, said the cheated jobseekers who are yet to start work, let alone receive any salary.

Md Shahin Hossain, a youth of Bolidara village in Ranishankoil upazila, got appointment as a field worker and his monthly salary was mentioned as Tk 16,000.

"I deposited Tk 15,000 to get the job. But they have not started the project's activities yet. I was asked to join the upazila unit office of social welfare ministry at Baliadangi. But there is no such office here," he said.

Many others, who got appointment under the so-called project, are in the same boat now.

Subrata Bihary, who himself also got appointment as 'regional manager' with a high salary, said, "As per Selina's instruction we supplied manpower to her. But the project's work has not started after seven months of giving appointment."

As the jobseekers put pressure on us to return the deposit money we contacted with Selina and she gave us a cheque worth Tk 40-lakh of Janata Bank in Dinajpur branch on October 27. We went to the bank on November 1 but the cheque was bounced as the account had a small amount of money.

Deputy Director of Social Welfare Directorate, Dinajpur, Stiffen Murmu said following a number of allegations of cheating in the name of giving jobs in Dinajpur and Rangpur areas, we initiated action against Dr Selina and she went into hiding.

Deputy Director of Thakurgaon Social Welfare Directorate Sardar Tariqul Islam said they will take action against the local NGO as the fraud woman cheated people through it.

Contacted, Ranishankoil Upazila Nirbahi Officer Khandakar Md Nahid Hasan told this correspondent over cell phone, "I am yet to get any complaint. The upazila administration will take action against the frauds if complaints are failed."

The fraud woman could not be contacted despite making repeated calls to her cell phone.

Stalked schoolgirl in trauma

Fails to attend JSC exam

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A Junior School Certificate (JSC) examinee could not sit for the mathematics examination due to abuse by a stalker on way to her examination centre in Sarishabari municipality of the district on Sunday.

The girl, 14, daughter of a poor farmer in the area, went out of her house to sit for the mathematics examination at Reaz Uddin Talukdar High School centre in the morning that day.

On the way, Golam Mostafa, 32, son of Ayen Uddin Mondal of Bolardiar village under the municipality, waylaid her and gave an illicit proposal around 9:30am.

As the girl boldly protested, Mostafa turned crazy and started pulling her to his house, a few yards from the spot, said locals.

Hearing her screams, locals rushed to the spot and rescued the girl while the culprit fled away, said Nurul Islam Sheikh, a resident of Bolardiar village and councillor of the municipality.

Humiliated and traumatised, the girl returned to her house instead of attending the examination, said the councillor.

Mostafa, a married man, had been stalking the girl on way to and from her school in the area for about two months, said the victim's family members.

"We have already come to know the matter and are investigating it. If complaint is lodged with the police station in this regard, we will take stern action against the culprit," said Rezaul Islam Khan, officer-in-charge of Sarishabari Police Station.

The victim's family is preparing to file a case against the stalker with Women and Children Repression Prevention Court in Jamalpur, said the victim's father.

Cattle trader shot dead by BSF

A CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot a Bangladeshi cattle trader dead near Kushkhali border in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The deceased, Moslem Ali, 28, was son of Jahir Ali of Panchraki village in the upazila.

Moslem's father-in-law Babar Ali said Indian border guards at Khalisha camp opened fire on a group of cattle traders when Moslem along with 4/5 others were returning home through the border.

Moslem died on the spot about 300 hundred yards inside Indian territory from the 'zero line', Babar said.

One of the villagers, seeking anonymity, said a police team of Swarnagar Police Station under Bashihrat Sub-division in India took away Moslem's body around 9:30am.

Nayeek Subedar Mohammad Ali of BGB Kushkhali camp said they heard about the incident and are investigating the matter.

প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়
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“ইলেকট্রিক সাবস্টেশন যন্ত্রপাতি এবং ক্যাবল ক্রয় ও সংস্থাপন” এর দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির সংশোধনী

অনিবার্য কারণবশত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি, স্বাক্ষর নং-৩৩.০৩.১৫৬১.০১০.০৭.০০৯.১৬.১৯২, তারিখঃ ১৮/১০/২০১৬ইং এর দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রি, দাবিল ও খোলার তারিখ বৃদ্ধি করে নিম্নরূপ করা হলঃ

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৩। দরপত্র খোলার শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	তারিখঃ ২৪/১১/২০১৬ইং	সময়ঃ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।

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FARM LABOUR IN LALMONIRHAT Women denied fair wage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Women farm labourers in the district are being deprived of their right to get the same wages as male labourers.

Women farm labourers said they get Tk 120-130 per day whereas a male labourer gets Tk 300-350 per day. They do the same work as male labourers, sometimes even more, but they are not given fair wage, they added.

"We work like male labourers, but we are paid less than 50 percent of what male labourers get," said Anjali Rani, 36, of Chaklarhat village under Kaliganj upazila. "We are forced to work for low wages as there is no opportunity to get job in the village," she added.

Woman stabbed for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A housewife is fighting for life at Habiganj Sadar Hospital as she was stabbed indiscriminately, allegedly by her husband, on Sunday night.

She is Siufa Begum, 20, daughter of Syed Moin Uddin of Dawlatpur village in Habiganj district.

Family members said Siufa was married to Monir Mia, 26, one year ago.

Monir stabbed Siufa several times on Sunday as she refused to bring money from her parents. Hearing her screams, neighbours rushed to the spot and took her to the hospital, he added.

Police will take action against those responsible for the offence after investigation, Officer-in-Charge (OC) of the Baniarchang Police Station Amullay Kumar Chowdhury said.

Monir went into hiding after the incident, the OC added.

Thakurgaon Jubo Dal council after 28 yrs today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

The district unit Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, youth front of BNP, is going to hold its second council today after 28 years.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir is likely to attend the council as chief guest.

District Jubo Dal Convener Chowdhury Muhammad Mahebulah Abu Nur will preside over the meeting at Thakurgaon municipality auditorium.

The last district council of the party was held in 1988.

Water transport strike called off

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Sunamganj Water Transport Workers' Co-operative Association called off their strike yesterday following a meeting between the district administration and leaders of the association.

Following the withdrawal of the strike all types of vessels started their operations.

The workers' association called the indefinite strike on November 10, protesting extortion and attacks on its workers in Abua river.

Association General Secretary Mohammad Ali said they decided to postpone the strike following assurance from the district administration.

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Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Tender No. SGFL/BGF/16-17/FP-04 dated 26-10-2016 for Procurement of Silicagel, published in The Daily Star on 30-10-2016 and the Samokal on 28-10-2016 is hereby postponed. GD-2329
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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

আবহাওয়া ও ভূ-প্রাকৃতিক কেন্দ্র, চট্টগ্রামের একটি পুরনো ও একেজো ঘোষিত মাইক্রোবাস (রেজিস্ট্রেশন নং-ঢাকা-মেট্রো চ-৫১-১৮৮১, মিতসুবিশি, জাপান মডেল নং-এল-৩০০, তৈরির সন-১৯৯৯ইং, ১৯৯৭ সিসি) যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে ভিত্তিতে বিক্রয়ের নিমিত্ত ক্রয় ইচ্ছুক প্রতিষ্ঠান/ব্যক্তির নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে (Sealed Quotation) নির্ধারিত সিডিউল দরপত্র আবেদন করা যাচ্ছে। শর্তাবলী সম্বলিত দরপত্র সিডিউল আগামী ১৭-১১-২০১৬ থেকে ০১/১২/২০১৬ তারিখের মধ্যে অফিস চলাকালীন সময় নগদ ১০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা) মাত্র এর বিনিময়ে (অফেরতযোগ্য) অত্র কেন্দ্র থেকে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। দরপত্র দাবিলের শেষ তারিখ ০৪-১২-২০১৬ তারিখে দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা। কোন রকম দায়-দায়িত্ব গ্রহণ অথবা কার্য প্রদর্শন ছাড়াই টেন্ডার কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিলের অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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TORTURED BY HUSBAND, IN-LAWS Rumi Begum groans in pain at hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Victim of inhuman torture by husband and his family members, a woman is groaning in pain at Jaldhaka Upazila Health Complex in the district.

She is Rumi Begum, 25, daughter of Mokbul Hossain of Gopaljhar village in the upazila.

Several injury marks caused by beating were found on her arms, legs and back and there was blood clotted in some parts of her body, said Dr Rupayan Das of the hospital.

Rumi's mother Morsheda Begum said her daughter married Moidul Islam, 28, son of Abdus Sattar of Sholmari Kamar para village in 2009.

After the marriage, Moidul and his family members often tortured Rumi for Tk 5 lakh as dowry, she alleged.

"On Sunday, my father-in-law and uncle-in-law held my hands and legs tightly and Moidul, his mother and sister beat me mercilessly the whole day as I refused to bring money from my father," said Rumi at the hospital bed yesterday.

Informed by locals, her father later rushed Rumi to the hospital.

The victim filed a case, accusing Moidul, his father, mother, sister and uncle, said Mostafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Jaldhaka Police Station.

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

উপ-পরিচালক, আবহাওয়া ও ভূ-প্রাকৃতিক কেন্দ্র, চট্টগ্রাম কর্তৃক নির্মূল্যবিত্ত রাসায়নিক দ্রব্যের ব্যবসায়ী/টিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে।

১। মন্ত্রণালয়	প্রতিরক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়।
২। অধিদপ্তরের নাম	আবহাওয়া ও ভূ-প্রাকৃতিক কেন্দ্র, চট্টগ্রাম।
৩। প্রকৃতির এনটিটি	উপ-পরিচালক, আবহাওয়া ও ভূ-প্রাকৃতিক কেন্দ্র, আম্রাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম।
৪। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি সূত্র নং	এসএস-৬(৭)/১৬ তারিখঃ ১৪/১১/২০১৬ইং।
৫। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির নাম	রাসায়নিক দ্রব্য ক্রয়।
৬। ক্রয় পদ্ধতি	খোলা দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
৭। বাজেট ও তহবিলের উৎস	রাজস্ব বাজেট, অর্থ বছর ২০১৬-১৭।
৮। পণ্যের নাম	ফেরোসিলিকন পাউডার ও ক্রটিক সোডা স্কেক।
৯। দরপত্রের সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান	আবহাওয়া ও ভূ-প্রাকৃতিক কেন্দ্র, সিলিগুডি ভবন-১৭/১২/২০১৬ইং।
১০। দরপত্রের সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের আরম্ভ তারিখ	০১/১২/২০১৬ইং।
১১। দরপত্রের সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	০১/১২/২০১৬ইং।
১২। দরপত্রের সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের সময়	অফিস চলাকালীন সময়।
১৩। দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	০৪/১২/২০১৬ইং সকাল ১১টা ৩০মিনিট।
১৪। দরপত্রের সিডিউল মূল্য	১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র।
১৫। দরপত্রের সিডিউলিটি টাকা (ফেরতযোগ্য)	৩০,০০০/- (ত্রিশ হাজার) টাকা মাত্র।
১৬। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০৪/১২/২০১৬ইং সকাল ১২টা ০০মিনিট।
১৭। দরপত্রের তথ্য/শর্তাবলী	দরপত্রের সিডিউলে বিস্তারিত বর্ণিত রয়েছে।

কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে অত্র অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র আবেদন/সম্পূর্ণ বাতিল করার এবং দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত পণ্যের পরিমাণ হ্রাস/বৃদ্ধি করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
অত্র দরদাতা উপ-পরিচালক, আবহাওয়া ও ভূ-প্রাকৃতিক কেন্দ্র, চট্টগ্রাম বারবার আবেদন করতঃ প্রতিটি দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয় করতে পারবেন।

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